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FWS ISSUES FISHERY OUTLOOK REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER OF 1953

A fairly firm market for fishery products during the third quarter of 1953 is predicted in the quarterly outlook report issued today by the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

Heavy production in the fisheries is forecast from July through September, with some decline seen toward the end of the quarter. The production of canned fishery products and the stockpiling of frozen fishery products in cold storage will be accelerated during this third quarter but warehouse holdings of frozen fishery products probably will not reach the level of the same period in 1952.

Among fishery by-products, a fairly steady market for fish meal is anticipated but markets for fish oils and fish-liver oils are expected to be weak. The importation of fishery products will be heavy but not at as high a rate as a year ago. Exports will continue at a low level--probably at about the same rate as in last year's third quarter.

The report predicts a fairly steady market for canned fish such as salmon, tuna, sardines and mackerel, and a fairly firm market for canned herring. For groundfish from New England, a dull market is forecast for cod and pollock while that for haddock and whiting is expected to be weak. The trade for ocean perch, mackerel, butterfish, sea bass, and fresh and frozen salmon should be fairly steady, but those for rockfish and halibut will be either dull or unsettled.

Among shellfish, the market can be expected to be strong for fresh, frozen, and canned shrimp; and fairly firm for spiny lobsters and canned oysters.

The report is designated as Fishery Leaflet 336q, under the title of "Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, July-September 1953." Copies may be obtained from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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